

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JUSTIN BAKER,

Defendant.

CASE NO. CR24-0058-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's unopposed motion to continue trial and other deadlines (Dkt. No. 15). Defendant is charged with abusive sexual conduct. (Dkt. No. 8.) He appeared for arraignment on April 4, 2024, where he pleaded not guilty to the charges. (See Dkt. No. 13.) Trial was set for June 3, 2024, with pretrial motions due by April 25, 2024. (*Id.*)

Defendant now seeks a continuance of those dates. (Dkt. No. 15.) According to defense counsel, this case involves extensive discovery, including medical records that will likely require the assistance of an expert. (*Id.* at 3.) Counsel asserts that additional time is needed to review those materials, consult with the expert, and engage in further negotiations with the Government. (*Id.*) Defendant has executed a speedy trial waiver. (Dkt. No. 13.)

Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant record, the Court FINDS as follows:

- 1 1. The failure to grant a continuance would deny defense counsel the reasonable time
2 necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence,
3 within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv), and would result in a miscarriage of
4 justice within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).
- 5 2. The ends of justice will be served by granting a continuance, as it is necessary to ensure
6 adequate time for case preparation, and the ends of justice served outweigh the best
7 interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. *See id.* § 3161(h)(7)(A).

8 For the foregoing reasons, the Court GRANTS Defendant's motion to continue trial and
9 the pretrial motions deadline (Dkt. No. 15). Trial is hereby CONTINUED to October 21, 2024, at
10 9:30 a.m. The Court further ORDERS that the time between the date of this order and October
11 21, 2024, is excludable time under the Speedy Trial Act pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A),
12 (B)(i), and (B)(iv). The parties are DIRECTED to file pretrial motions no later than August 16,
13 2024.

14 DATED this 30th day of April 2024.

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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE